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1. KOMPAS REPORTED SEPT. 25 THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL ALI SAID, AT MEETING WITH UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA RECTOR AND STUDENT BODY REPRESENTATIVES SEPT. 24, PROMISED THAT CASES OF REMAINING MALARI (JAN. '74) STUDENT DETAINEES WOULD BE RESOLVED WITHIN THE 1975-76 WORKING YEAR. THERE ARE ELEVEN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AMONG THE 22 OR 23 MALARI DETAINEES, SIX OF THEM FROM UI.

2. UI STUDENT COUNCIL CHAIRMAN DIPO ALAM TOLD PRESS AFTER MEETING THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL WAS STILL CONSIDERING QUESTION OF ALLOWING STUDENT DETAINEES TO RESUME THEIR STUDIES AFTER THEIR RELEASE. DIPO SAID DETAINEES WERE IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION AND WERE NOT BEING NEGLECTED BY THE GOVERNMENT. DURING THE DISCUSSION ALI SAID REFERRED TO THEM AS "DIASRAMAKAN" OR LODGED IN BARRACKS, RATHER THAN DETAINED OR JAILED.

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3. COMMENT: ALI SAID HAD MADE SEVERAL STATEMENTS EARLIER THIS YEAR EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT THE MALARI CASES WOULD ALL BE PROCESSED BY THE END OF CALENDAR 1975. THE WORKING OR FISCAL YEAR ENDS MARCH 31, SO IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE GOVERNMENT TIMETABLE HAS SLIPPED BY AT LEAST THREE MONTHS. LAST STUDENT DEFENDANT (AINI) WAS SENTENCED AUGUST 21 AND GOI HAS NOT FOLLOWED USUAL PRACTICE OF IMMEDIATELY ANNOUNCING NAME OF NEXT CASE TO BE TRIED. NEWSOM

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